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Jordan: King Husayn in effect has assumed direct control of the government and has imposed military rule.

Husayn is convinced that the majority vote against Prime Minister Rifai on 20 April was in reality an indirect attack on himself and that it was linked with the weekend's pro-Nasir disturbances in Jerusalem and other cities in West Jordan. He asserted in a meeting with the US and British ambassadors early on 21 April that the time had come for a showdown with his opponents.

The cabinet he has appointed consists of only eight members, three of whom are holdovers from Rifai's cabinet. The designation of Husayn's great uncle, the elderly and spiritless Sharif Husayn, as prime minister clearly indicates the King will act as his own prime minister. Both Rifai and his former deputy premier have agreed to work behind the scenes in assisting the new group.

Husayn's announcement on 21 April dissolving the Chamber of Deputies stated that general elections for a new chamber would be held within the period

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prescribed by the constitution, i. e., four months. Candidates for these elections will probably be more carefully screened than those who ran last fall.

The King has not yet made a formal declaration of martial law but, for all practical purposes, such a condition already exists.

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security forces probably are capable of controlling the situation.

The army is dominated by East Jordanian bedouins, who generally are Husayn's staunchest supporters. Opposition to the monarchy is strongest among the Palestinians of West Jordan. The projected federation of Egypt, Syria, and Iraq has caused an upsurge of pro-Nasir, nationalistic enthusiasm which is likely to be manifested in more direct plots against the Jordanian regime.

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USSR - Communist China: After nearly five months of talks, the Sino-Soviet trade pact for 1963 was signed in Moscow on 20 April. This agreement appears routine, with no indication of the level of trade anticipated this year.

A separate protocol, however, provides for Peiping--in "accordance with the desire" of the Chinese--to pay off in advance its \$320-million trade debt to the USSR. This debt, which had been scheduled to be paid over four years (1962-65), will now be paid before it is due, using in part the 1962 trade balance accumulated in favor of China.

To meet annual long-term debt obligations to the USSR, Peiping is required to maintain an export surplus of about \$180 million in trade with the Soviet Union. The new protocol implies this surplus was even larger in 1962, suggesting that Soviet exports to China dropped drastically again last year while Chinese exports probably declined less sharply.

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USSR-Yugoslavia: (Photography within the past ten days provides the first evidence of Soviet surface-to-air missile (SAM) equipment in Yugoslavia.)

(Equipment observed at Batajnica Airfield, 12 miles northwest of Belgrade, is sufficient for one six-launcher SA-2 SAM site. The equipment probably is for the first unit in a SAM system to defend the capital area, and is part of the materiel included in a major arms deal concluded between the USSR and Yugoslavia early last year.)

(There have been persistent reports since mid-1962 of an agreement for the USSR to provide SAM equipment to the Yugoslavs as part of a general program to modernize their military establishment.

(The first significant Soviet military shipments to Yugoslavia since 1948 were the deliveries of T-54 tanks and SU-100 assault guns last spring. Since then, other Soviet equipment has arrived, including primary air defense radars and possibly MIG-19 (Farmer) jet fighters.)

(MIG-21 (Fishbed) fighters probably have been scheduled for delivery as part of the air defense package, although there is no firm evidence of their presence.)

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Indonesia: The militant, pro-Peiping faction appears to have won substantial control of the Indonesian Communist Party (PKI), according to the Yugoslav ambassador to Djakarta. He said that the Soviet ambassador to Indonesia was having considerable difficulty with the PKI and had been unsuccessful in getting the party to print in its newspaper Khrushchev's long polemic inviting Mao to come to Moscow to discuss ideological differences.

Since last fall, the party's pro-Peiping wing has been making gains at the expense of the moderate Moscow-oriented faction, led by chairman Aidit. The visit of Chinese Communist chief of state Liu Shao-chi to Indonesia this month gave further impetus to this trend.

Although the party's international position appears ever more strongly to favor Peiping, the PKI's domestic tactics remain relatively unchanged. The militant faction, which formerly criticized Aidit for unnecessarily accommodating party policy to the whims of President Sukarno, now strongly supports the President. [redacted]

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Ecuador: Opponents of President Arosemena appear increasingly convinced of the urgency of deposing him and may be prepared to abandon their former search for "constitutionality."

Leading members of Congress are attempting to call a special session in a third attempt to impeach Arosemena. [redacted]

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[redacted] The only two political parties still cooperating with Arosemena's government reportedly have decided to withdraw from the cabinet. The President's personal conduct has alienated the general public, and recent acts of terrorism by leftist extremists have lessened the widespread and long-standing dislike of military intervention. [redacted]

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USSR-Iraq: (In spite of Baghdad's moves to loosen its military and economic ties with the USSR and of Moscow's hostility toward Iraq's present anti-Communist government, a small contract for additional military spare parts was signed) 25X1

This marks the first new purchase agreement between the two countries since the overthrow of the Qasim regime last February. In addition, Soviet ships have continued to deliver equipment and spare parts contracted for under earlier agreements.) 25X1

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USSR-Brazil: The five-year Soviet-Brazilian trade agreement signed in Rio de Janeiro on 20 April calls for total trade of \$160 million in 1963--more than double the volume achieved in 1962. Further increases for 1964 and 1965 have also been agreed to. The agreement does not provide for Soviet economic aid, but Brazilian Finance Minister Dantas has indicated this will be discussed during his projected trip to Moscow next September. 25X1

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British Guiana: (The general strike now in progress to protest the government's labor relations bill has obliged Prime Minister Jagan to delay until 24 April his departure for the United Nations and Canada. Leaders of the Trades Union Congress (TUC) stated they would not countenance violence, but opposition parties trying to unseat the Jagan government may attempt to exploit political tensions by inciting new disturbances.)

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